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Tanch'on Factory

1. [] the Tanch'on (N 40-27, E 128-54) (DV-9277) branch factory of the North Korean Ministry of Heavy Industry was at Pokch'on-ni (N 40-28, E 128-54) (DV-919785).¹ [] the factory was bombed by the United Nations and plans were made to move it to DV-911785 in the Hongge-ri valley. This factory produced soy sauce, bean oil, bean curd, bread, barrels, and straw articles. The bean oil was transported to Hamhung; the other products were used by the North Korean army and the local civilians.

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Movement of North Korean Industrial Installations

2. [] the North Korean Ministry of Heavy Industry published order number 7. This stated that all industrial installations in southern North Korea and vulnerable coastal areas would be evacuated to central and northern North Korea because of United Nations air attacks. In accordance with this order the following movements of equipment, materials, and labor were to be made:

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- a. All machinery, materials, and labor of the Nahung Machinery factory near Iwon (N 40-20, E 128-36) (DV-6664) and the Yongsong Machinery factory in Hungnam (N 39-50, E 127-36) (CV-8010) were to be moved to the Huich'on (N 40-10, E 126-16) (BV-660514) machinery factory. Construction of three tunnels to house the Huich'on factory began []

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12,000,000 North Korean won were allocated by the Ministry of Heavy Industry for the purpose of importing 200 machines, mostly lathes, from the USSR. [] 40 machines

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had been imported and the remainder were scheduled to arrive during 1953. The electric power for the factory was to be supplied from the Sup'ung Dam. The types of machinery to be produced were unknown.

- b. The equipment and materials from the Haeju Machinery factory, the Haeju Iron Works, the Nakyon Mines in Changyon-gun (N 38-11, E 125-17) (YC-0028), and some machinery from the Ongjin (N 37-56, E 125-22) (YC-0801) Mines were to be moved temporarily to the Hwanghae Iron Works in Kyomip'o² (N 38-45, E 125-37) (YC-2792). Later it was to be moved to a new location in Chagang Province.

Huich'on Vehicle Repair and Parts Factories

3. [] the Huich'on (N 40-10, E 126-16) (BV-6749) vehicle repair factory was at BV-675498 on the west side of the hill directly north of Huich'on. The offices were in a building northwest of the factory with a repair shed 10 meters south of the factory. The factory employed approximately 150 persons and was under the supervision of the Department of Transportation of the Ministry of Heavy Industry. 25X1
4. [] the Huich'on Vehicle Parts Factory was in two tunnels at BV-667500. Approximately 50 Soviet and Japanese-made lathes were installed for the manufacture of pistons. Some 2,000 people, under the supervision of one Soviet advisor and three Soviet mechanics, were employed at the factory. 25X1

Textile Factory

5. [] the P'yongyang Textile factory was in a tunnel at YD-407187, 400 meters southeast of Sop'o-dong (N 38-59, E 125-46) (YD-4018). This factory employed 2,000 people and produced cotton and hemp cloth. 25X1

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